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SUBJECT: UNOFFICIAL VISIT BY TRANSKEI ASST. SECRETARY DFA

REF: MASERU A-19

1. MR. ALLEN SOCIKWA, TRANSKEI ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED ON DEMBASSY DEC. 2. SOCIKWA UNDERSTOOD EMBASSY COULD HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH TRANSKEI OFFICIALS, AND STATED PURPOSE WAS STRICTLY UNOFFICIAL AND PERSONAL.

2. SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, BELIED DISCLAIMERS. SOCIKWA LAUNCHED INTO TRANSKEI VERSION OF BORDER DISPUTE WITH LESOTHO, CLAIMING BORDER WAS OPEN AND TRANSIT WAS NO PROBLEM. OTHER THAN TRANSKEIANS MANNING BORDER POSTS RATHER THAN SAP THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POST AND PRE-INDEPENDENCE PERIODS.

3. HE THEN STATED TRANSKEI WOULD NEVER RETURN TO FORMER STATUS AS PART OF RSA, DENOUNCED RSA AND ITS SYSTEM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT TRANSKEI WOULD CHART ITS OWN INDEPENDENT COURSE WHICH MAY SURPRISE THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

4. SOCIKWA THEN STATED QTE REAL PURPOSE UNQTE OF VISIT WAS TO ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITY OF EVEN LOW-LEVEL U.S. PRESENCE IN TRANSKEI,
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SUCH AS PEACE CORPS, USIS OR USAID. EMBOFF POINTED OUT U.S.

DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI WOULD PRECLUDE ANY OFFICIAL
U.S. PRESENCE.

5. SOCIKWA THREATENED THAT ABANDONMENT BY WEST WOULD FORCE
TRANSKEI TO LOOK EAST FOR FRIENDS. SOCIKWA SAID, HOWEVER, HE
WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN UNOFFICIAL CONTACT WITH EMBASSY. EMBOFF
DEMURRED ON THIS REQUEST, CLAIMING NECESSITY OF OFFICIAL APPROVAL
TO MAINTAIN CONTACT.
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